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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO OFFICIATE ADDITIONAL WEDDING CEREMONIES**

**ON VALENTINE'S DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Contra Costa County Clerk's Office will be officiating additional appointments for wedding ceremonies on Valentine's Day – the most romantic day of the year. Valentine's Day is celebrated on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-six ceremonies, double the number that are usually open for scheduling, will be performed at the Contra Costa County Clerk's office, located at 555 Escobar Street in Martinez between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

"Valentine's Day is always a very popular day for weddings at our office," Acting Assistant Clerk-Recorder Laura Wilson said. "We want to accommodate our residents who would like to have their ceremony on this special day, so we opened up additional appointments for wedding ceremonies. The spots are filling up quickly."

Historically, the County Clerk's Office has officiated Valentine's Day ceremonies as part of the Destination Wedding program in a picturesque or historic location. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this program continues to be put on hold.

As with all ceremony appointments offered onsite, the Clerk-Recorder's Office takes precautions to keep our constituents and our staff safe. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Up to 5 guests may join the couple in the ceremony room.

You must call the office to schedule one of our Valentine's Day appointments. The Clerk's Office does not accept walk-in appointments at this time.

Before the ceremony, couples must obtain a marriage license at the main office in Martinez. The civil marriage ceremony fee is \$60. Couples can obtain a public marriage license for \$86 or a confidential marriage license for \$90.

For additional information about marriage license and ceremony services, go to <https://www.ccclerkrec.us/> or call the office at 925-335-7900.

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